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SUBJECT: CHILE - REQUEST OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

1. INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS COMMUNICATED TO GOC ASKING GOC TO "SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THE MEASURES THAT IT ADOPTS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE PRESENT SITUATION" AND TO PERMIT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION TO VISIT CHILE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. (SEE SEPTTEL). GOC HAS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, BUT HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO SEPARATE, SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION RESPECTING SENDING OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AS OBSERVER.

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2. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER SUGGESTING TO FONMIN

HUERTA ADVISABILITY OF RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY FOR VISIT OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CHILE, POINTING OUT THAT COMMISSION IS BODY OF RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY WHOSE PRESENCE IN CHILE WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE REGIME'S CREDIBILITY IN FACE OF ADVERSE PRESS REPORTS. (COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES PLAYED A PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CRISIS OF 1965-66. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS KNOWN TO US AS COMPETENT, JUDICIOUS AND FAIR-MINDED.) ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR DAVIS TO MAKE SIMILAR, LOW KEY DEMARCHE TO APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS IN SANTIAGO.

3. FYI. CURRENT VERSION OF HOUSE (FRASER) RESOLUTION CONTAINS, INTER ALIA, SENSE OF CONGRESS EXHORTATION TO PRESIDENT TO REQUEST INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF SITUATION IN CHILE; SIMILAR LANGUAGE APPEARS IN KENNEDY AMENDMENT TO FAA. AS SEPTTEL INDICATES, COMMISSION'S INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC THROUGH OAS PRESS RELEASE OF OCOBER 2. END FYI. PORTER

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